

## Office of Energy Independence



# Energy Independent Communities Newsletter

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## Welcome

Dear Friends,

Some very exciting news just happened last week. Governor Doyle announced the awardees for the 25x25 Plan Grant and the Energy Outreach and Education Grant. There are so many clean energy opportunities to celebrate!

In early 2010, there continues to be exciting announcements regarding clean energy. From new wind turbine manufacturers locating in Milwaukee to the new wind farms in Brown County and the many manufacturers across the state transitioning to clean energy components.

Much of this would not have been possible without the EI Communities across the state. The towns, villages, cities, tribes and counties that are creating energy teams that focus on greater energy awareness in each of our communities. Linking economic development in communities with clean energy opportunities is a natural fit.

With the leadership of over 135 EI Communities around the state we will continue to pursue clean energy opportunities and energy independence. From the townhall meetings in Shell Lake, to regional alliances formed in Viroqua and Gays Mills, all the way to the tip of Door County, Wisconsinites want to make change starting at the local level.

OEI appreciates all of the hard work by the EI Pilots and all of the EI Communities throughout the State of Wisconsin. Communities continue to pass 25x25 resolutions, create energy teams and develop energy independence plans to show their dedication to a clean energy future.

Thanks again for all of your dedication.

Sincerely,

Judy Ziewacz  
Director  
Office of Energy Independence

## **Grant Announcements**

### **25x25 Plan Grants**

Governor Doyle announced 11 grants from the Recovery Act totaling \$500,000 to help 24 communities develop plans to reach his "25 by 25" energy independence goals.

The 2010 Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership Pilots are: City of Altoona, Crawford County, City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, City of Fennimore, Village of Ferryville, Green Lake County, City of Gays Mills, City of Jefferson, City of Kaukauna, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Village of La Farge, City of Monona, Polk County, City of Prairie du Chien, Shawano County, Village of Soldiers Grove, Vernon County, Village of Viola, City of Viroqua, Waukesha County, and City of Whitewater.

Click [here](#) for Governor Doyle's press release.

## Outreach and Education

Governor Doyle awarded \$900,000 in Recovery Act funds to three not-for-profit organizations to develop clean energy outreach and education programs.

The grant recipients are: Aldo Leopold Center of Monona, Growing Power in Milwaukee and Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's press release.

## EECBG

The municipal retrofit and lighting projects will be decided in the very near future. Announcements coming soon.

## Thank You

To all of you interested in the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership and our shared goal of achieving 25x25. Please contact us with any stories or news about your community at: [oei@wisconsin.gov](mailto:oei@wisconsin.gov)

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